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In the specification:Please amend the specification as follows:

[0034] The coupling joint 14 couples the upper section 30 and the lower section 32 to one or more nozzles or air plenums 42 (only one is shown), which may have or be coupled to vents 44 (only one is shown). The coupling joint 14 may include a pair of horizontal segments 46 as shown or may include various other segments arranged in various other configurations, another example of which is provided with respect to Figure 4. The coupling joint 14 may have a first or top horizontal segment 47 that is directly adjacent the upper section 30 and a second or bottom horizontal segment 49 that is directly adjacent the lower section 32.

[0045] Referring now to Figure 3, a schematic flow diagram illustrating air flow through an air control system 10' in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention is shown. The air control system 10' includes a dashboard housing 83 with an air plenum 42'. The housing 83 includes a first wall 85 and a second wall 87. The first wall 85 is adjacent and attached to a top side 89 of the air plenum 42'. The second wall 87 is adjacent and attached to a bottom side 91 of the air plenum 42'. Air enters the ductwork 92, passes through an evaporator core 93, and may be directed to defroster vents (not shown), to panel vents (such as vent 44), and to floor vents (not shown) via a first passage 94, a second passage 95, and a third passage 96, respectively.